

PREVIEW WOMEN'S DOWNHILL VAL D'ISÈRE – 18-19 Dec 2020

Corinne Suter

- Corinne Suter won the downhill and super-G crystal globes last season. She became the first woman to win both speed globes in one season since Lindsey Vonn in 2014/15.
- Suter became the second Swiss woman to win the downhill and super-G standings in one season, after Michela Figini in 1987/88.
- Swiss skiers have won the women's downhill crystal globe on 11 occasions. Only Austria (19) has won this globe more often.
- Lindsey Vonn was in 2014/15 and 2015/16 the last to win the women's downhill globe in consecutive seasons. The last Swiss woman to achieve this was Michela Figini from 1986/87 to 1988/89.
- Suter has claimed six World Cup downhill podiums in her career, all in her last 10 participations in this discipline. Her only win came in Altenmarkt/Zauchensee on 11 January 2020.
- Switzerland has won 13 of the 31 women's downhills held in Val d'Isère in the World Cup, at least eight more than any other country (5 by United States).

Ester Ledecká

- Ester Ledecká finished second in the downhill standings last season. She won the first race in Lake Louise and finished third in Garmisch-Partenkirchen.
- Ledecká can become the first Czech skier, male or female, to win a World Cup standings. The best result was a second place by Šárka Strachová in the 2008/09 slalom standings.
- Ledecká already won seven season titles in Snowboard: four in the parallel overall and three in the parallel giant slalom.
- Ledecká can become the third Czech skier to win multiple World Cup races, after Olga Charvátová (2 for Czechoslovakia) and Strachová (2).
- Ledecká claimed both of her major Alpine Skiing victories wearing bib 26: Olympic gold in the super-G in 2018 and the Lake Louise downhill win in 2019.

Federica Brignone

- Federica Brignone finished third in last season's downhill standings. Brignone won the overall, giant slalom and Alpine combined standings.
- Brignone can become the third Italian woman to win the downhill crystal globe, after Isolde Kostner in 2000/01 and 2001/02, and Sofia Goggia in 2017/18.
- Brignone has achieved four World Cup podiums in the downhill, but has yet to win one. Of those four podiums, three came in her last five participations in this discipline.

- Brignone (giant slalom, super-G, Alpine combined) can become the second Italian skier to win a World Cup event in four different disciplines, after Gustav Thöni (giant slalom, slalom, combination, city event).
- Brignone (15) is one shy of equalling the record for most World Cup race wins by an Italian woman, held by Deborah Compagnoni (16). Brignone now shares second place with Isolde Kostner (15).

Lara Gut-Behrami

- Lara Gut-Behrami won the two most recent downhill races in the World Cup, both in Crans-Montana. The last woman to win three in a row was Lindsey Vonn from January to March 2018 (4 in a row).
- The last Swiss woman to win three successive World Cup downhill events was Michele Figini in February 1989.
- Gut-Behrami (9) has won the most downhill races in the World Cup among active female skiers. She can become the 10th woman to win at least 10 downhills in the World Cup.
- Gut-Behrami won the Val d'Isère downhill twice in the World Cup, on 14 December 2012 and on 19 December 2015. Only Vonn (4), Annemarie Moser-Pröll (3) and Marie-Theres Nadig (3) have won this event more often.
- Gut-Behrami's 26 World Cup wins in all disciplines are equal to Figini (26) in third place among Swiss women. Only Vreni Schneider (55) and Erika Hess (31) have won more.

Other contenders

- **Nicole Schmidhofer** has claimed three downhill wins in the World Cup, all in Lake Louise.
- The last Austrian woman to win a World Cup downhill event in Val d'Isère was Annemarie Moser-Pröll on 17 December 1978.
- **Ilka Štuhec** has won nine World Cup events, including five in the downhill. Only Tina Maze (26) has won at least 10 among skiers representing Slovenia.
- Štuhec won the most recent World Cup downhill held in Val d'Isère, on 17 December 2016. The last woman to win successive downhill in the French ski resort was Lindsey Vonn on 20 December 2006 and on 18 December 2010.
- **Sofia Goggia** (7) is one shy of equalling Karen Putzer (8) in fourth place among Italian woman on most World Cup wins in all disciplines. Only Deborah Compagnoni (16), Isolde Kostner (15) and Federica Brignone (15) have won more.

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